

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Clyde Schultz	Art Unit	: 1609
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Title	: HYDROGELS USED TO DELIVER MEDICAMENTS TO THE EYE FOR THE TREATMENT OF POSTERIOR SEGMENT DISEASES		

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 3, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-16. This election is made without traverse.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the election of species requirement mailed August 3, 2006, Applicant elects, without traverse:

“VEGF antagonists” from the list of drugs recited in pending claim 4;
“a hydrogel comprising a tetrapolymer of hydroxymethylmethacrylate, ethylene glycol, dimethylmethacrylate, and methacrylic acid;” and
“neovascularization” from the list of diseases recited in pending claim 18.

Of Group 1, claims 1-14 and 16 do not include any limitation that precludes them from covering various embodiments of the elected species; however, not all limitations of claims 1-14 and 16 are necessarily disclosed by the subject matter identified by the elected species.

A first and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 603-224-2440.

Respectfully submitted,
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